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Application Number	09/662,224
Filing Date	September 14, 2000
First Named Inventor	Philipp LANG et al.
Art Unit	3737
Examiner Name	William C. JUNG
Attorney Docket Number	13309/1

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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Examiner Name	William C. JUNG
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1201	200	2201	100	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	360	2203	180	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
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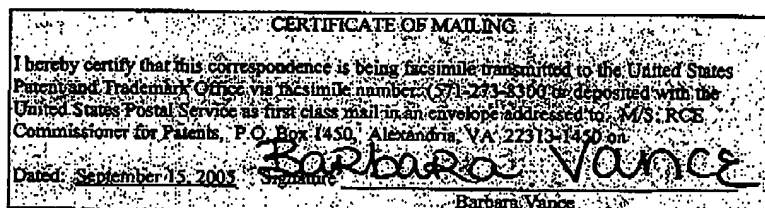
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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Dear Sir:

The following remarks below are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 28, 2005, and following an Examiner Interview on August 30, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 64 of this paper.